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Elephant Corridors
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey of the locations of the elephant corridors in the country has been undertaken and if, the details thereof; and
(b) the details of the steps undertaken by the Government to protect the elephant corridors from illegal encroachment?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) The Elephant Task Force Report, 2010 titled 'Gajah' has identified 27 priority I and 61 priority II elephant corridors. Details of the corridors are given in Annexure.

(b) Steps undertaken by the Government to protect the Elephant Corridors are given below:

(i) Financial and technical assistance is provided to 16 elephant range states under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Project Elephant'.
(ii) Improvement of elephant habitat, including Elephant Reserves and Corridors
(iii) Regular and extensive patrolling of forest areas and anti poaching measures by frontline filed staff of the State Forest Departments.
(iv) Trainings and awareness camps are organised regularly for local people for conservation of elephants and other wildlife.
(v) Local communities are organised into Joint Forest Management Committees/Eco-development Committees for protection of elephant habitat, including elephant corridors.
(vi) Habitat improvement and eco-restoration is taken up in critical areas of elephant reserves and corridors.

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